and by when these cases would be settled?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) No, Sir. Only one representation dated 19.7.2004 by shri Dara Singh Chauhan, Hon'ble M.P./Rajya Sabha has been submitted to General Manager, Northern Railway during the period from June to August, 2004 regarding appointment on compassionate grounds to one of the dependents of an ex-Railway employee who was working in Ajitwal Railway Station, Feroz-pur Division. The ex-employee was dismissed from service in 1992 for his continued unauthorised absence and First Information Report (FIR) for his missing was lodged by his family on 06.09.93.

(b) No application is pending, however the above mentioned case when represented earlier had been regretted. The fresh representation dated 19.07.2004 is under process.

(c) Generally, cases for appointment on compassionate grounds take time on account of non-submission of required documents by the widow/ward, due to the ward being minor, some court cases filed by various claimants, verification of various documents etc. As soon as the requisite documents are available the cases get settled.

Jammu-Srinagar Rail Project

1922. SHRI T.S. BAJWA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the status report of Jammu-Srinagar railway project;

(b) the amount spent on this project so far;

(c) the amount likely to be spent on the project during the current financial year; and

(d) by when the project is likely to be completed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) to (d) The details of Jammu-Srinagar railway project are as under:—

S.No.	Name of Project	Anticipated expenditure upto March	Outlay during 2004-05	Present Status
1.	Jammu-Udhampur (53.6 kms)	Rs. 482.80 crore	Rs. 10.44 crore	The work has been completed and departmental goods traffic is running on this section.
2.	Udhampur-Srinagar-Baramulla (287 kms)	Rs. 1286.43 crore	Rs. 300.00 crore	The work has been taken up in phases and the progress is given as under:— i) Udhampur-Katra (km. 0-25): Earthwork, tunnelling and major/minor bridge works are in progress. The target date for completion of this section is December, 2005. ii) Katra-Qazigund (km. 25-167): For km. 25-30, land acquisition has been completed and tunnelling work is in progress. For Km. 30-167, land acquisition. detailed construction survey is in progress. Tunnelling work is in progress between km. 30-50, where land is made available. The target date for completion of this section is 15.8.2007. iii) Qazigund-Baramulla (km. 167-287): Earthwork, bridge works, etc. are in progress. Out of 14,898 kanals of land, 14,676 kanals of land has been acquired. This section is targetted for completion during 2005-06.

As per planning, funding of Rs. 1000 crore is envisaged on Udhampur-Srinagar-Baramulla project during the current year.